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In the Matter of )

Amendment of the Amateur Service )  
Rules Concerning the 222-225 MHz )  
and 1240-1300 MHz Frequency Bands)

PR Docket No. 92-209

TO: The Commission

COMMENTS OF: Robert O. GARDNER, W6SYA

These comments are offered in response to the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making in the above-captioned matter. I support the proposal to set aside 222-222.150 MHz for non-repeater use.

The existance of two repeater inputs, one on and one below 222.1 MHz, in Southern California makes weak signal operation on this band impossible. Sections of other VHF and UHF bands are protected from repeater activity by FCC regulation and 1.25 meters deserves the same.

Voluntary planning does not work. Gentleman's Agreements for sub-bands for weak signal (CW and SSB) do not work.

I would like to see sub-bands on all amateur VHF and UHF frequencies set aside by FCC regulations for CW and SSB, exclusively. FM simplex and packet have already moved into these frequencies and severely restrict real weak signal operations.

Respectfully submitted,

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